ST JAMES THE GREAT
YOUR PARISH CHURCH

The first week in July saw the church buzzing with activities when year 7 of Norton Canes High School joined us for the annual Open Door.
Activities included:

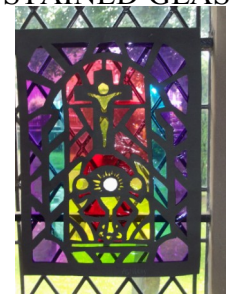
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TAPESTRY AND QUILLING





Excellent work was produced by all concerned and the day was enjoyed by adults and children alike. The pupils were a credit to the school and community.

When you get this issue we shall be thinking of the start of it all, the birth of Jesus. Please join us at one of the Services listed below.

November 9
Remembrance Day service 10.30am
December 24
Christingle Service, 4pm
Bring the children to hear the story and receive a Christingle.
Midnight Mass, 11pm
Please note the earlier start for this service.
December 25
Mass of Christmas morning, 9am.



For more details visit www.stjamesnortoncanes.org.uk

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Well done Norton Canes!
Norton Canes has achieved a 'highly commended' award in the Best Kept Village competition.
A lot of hard work has been carried out in the village - including creation of the Millennium and Jubilee gardens in Burntwood Road as focal points.
The judges' report identified some areas that can be improved which will be worked on for next year's competition.
This is only the fourth year the village has entered the competition.
A parish council spokesperson said the highly commended award is 'great news for the hard work that has been undertaken to make the village more presentable'.
"We will try to work on the points raised for next year in the hope that we can get a final placing.
"We intend to aim high," the spokesperson said.
Residents are now encouraged to embrace the competition by keeping their own gardens neat and by volunteering to help tidy the village.
Local schools also took part in aspects of the competition.
Primary school children drew pictures which were exhibited in the Co-op from April-June.
Norton Canes High School students entered the In Remembrance poetry competition and received a £75 prize.
The competition was run by the Community Council of Staffordshire.

Have you noticed the new sign featuring our Mining History now installed on the Jubilee Garden?



Hi everyone.



Welcome to our 8th edition of the village newsletter.

I am very proud that our village has achieved a Highly Commended in the Best Kept Village competition.

I remember a time when councillors and residents would laugh uproariously at the very thought of entering – and I would feel very hurt about that.
And here we are – looking at making even more improvements for our next entry.

There is more good news. We have a bus! We are connected to the Orbital Centre at last!
As it passes my house in Church Road I leap out of my seat excitedly to count the number of passengers (sad, I know).
I once counted six – but mostly there are just one and two.
So I really hope local people use the service. Or maybe there's a case for giving us a smaller bus? It would be such a shame to lose the service after a successful campaign to get it.
Bus timetables are available from the village library and the parish council office at the rear of the Co-op.

Remember this is your quarterly newsletter.

If you have any articles you would like included please email cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk
Janet Lee
Ed'

Festive festivities

A Christmas Table Top Sale will be held at Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street, Norton Canes.

The event takes place on Saturday November 8.

There will be various stalls including bric-a-brac, tombola, books, crafts, cakes, sweets and more.

Visitors can enjoy a 'lucky ducks' games and visit Santa in his grotto. There will be a raffle and other competitions.



Refreshments will be available.

The event takes place from 12.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

If anyone would like to book a table (£5) ring Clive on 07434 397 695/01543 899785 or Gill 01543 276330.

LOCAL WORSHIP

St James The Great
Services:
Our main service is Mass, celebrated in response To Jesus' command to 'do this in memory of me'.

Sunday: Mass 8am.

Family Sung Mass 10.30am. (Sunday School is held during the service).

Weekday Mass on Wednesday 11am and Thursday 7pm.

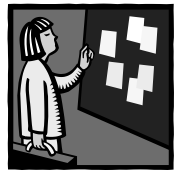
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Trinity Methodist Church
Poplar Street, Norton Canes. WS11 9SG

Morning worship Sunday 11am
Minister Rev C Parkes 01543 682277
Senior Seward: Ian Straughan 01543 276695

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Useful contacts for district and county matters

Residents may wish to keep a note of local councillors' contact numbers if they have any Cannock Chase District or Staffordshire County Council matters to discuss.

The district councillors are:	Cllr Mrs Zaphne Stretton	on 01543 276959
	Cllr Mike Holder	on 01543 279475
	Cllr John Preece	on 01543 278872

County councillor: Diane Todd on 01543 278778

Help for young people

Message form Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services

A Hi everyone,

Some of you may remember an article that appeared in the last edition of the Village News written by Cllr John Preece entitled: Youth Services: Where Do We Go from Here? I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself and to highlight the support on offer to local residents who would be interested in finding out more about setting up a youth group in Norton Canes, following the closure of Koncas.

My name is Jane Reynolds. I work as a development worker for a charity called Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS), covering Chase and Lichfield districts.

My main role is to support voluntary youth groups to set up and become sustainable. I would be very interested to meet anyone who feels they would like to get involved with setting up a youth club In Norton Canes.

Want to get involved but don't know where to start?

I work with many volunteers with varying degrees of experience, but everyone has something to offer, even if its two hours per week.

The majority of people I meet have great ideas but sometimes become concerned they do not have the skills to ensure their group is legally compliant, or they are not following/up to date with good practice, when working with young people.

I tailor the support I offer to the needs of each group. Some people just need a helping hand to get all their documentation in place. Other groups require support with paperwork, funding, volunteer recruitment and training.



SCVYS can offer:

- Start up support grants of up to £300 for new groups.
- Governance support, along with example policies and procedures.
- Access to funding pots.
- Menu of training including First Aid, Food Safety and other identified needs as applicable.
- Safeguarding, including up to date information, safer recruitment training and DBS checks (formally CRB).
- Support with volunteer recruitment
- Networking events, promotion through SCVYS Newsletter, E-bulletin and website.

If you would like to find out more please contact me: jane@staffscvys.org.uk or 10785 240378 or visit: www.staffscvys.org.uk where you can find out more about the services we offer.

If you could host a fundraiser to help towards printing costs of this magazine please contact the parish council clerk
Linda on 01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Rainbows in Norton Canes

We have had some magnificent rainbows in the village sky recently.
But we are about to have Rainbows of a different kind.
A brand new Rainbows group, for girls aged five to seven, starts at Norton Canes Community Centre in the new year.
And as far as the organisers can tell there has not been a group in the village before.
Just in case – the new group will be called the 2nd Norton Canes Rainbows.
The girls will meet on Tuesday afternoons (term time) from January 13, 4.15pm-5.15pm for themed fun and activities.
The fun will be led by Rainbow leader Helen Jenkinson with assistant leader Samantha Earp.
Girls will be enjoying crafts, days out and trips.
Samantha said: "Children from different schools can come together and can go on to join the Brownies when they get older if they want to.
"We also instil in children to be respectful and caring towards others."
If you have a youngster who would like to join see www.girlguiding.org.uk or ring Helen on 07958 127 489.

Food Bank Plea

A huge thank you goes out to all those who donate to the local Food Bank.
But organisers have issued a desperate plea for certain food items to keep the service going.

The Food Bank is run from several centres across the district – including Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street, Norton Canes.
There is now a desperate shortage of the following items: tinned meat, long life juice, sugar, tinned fruit, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, long life milk, tinned fish and tinned tomatoes.
The following are also in short supply: sponge pudding, custard and pasta sauces.

If you would like to support the Food Bank please donate any of the above items into the collection trolleys at local supermarkets.
Or – drop them off at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday mornings, 10am-12 noon.
Thank you.

News from your parish council

Civic Service

The chairman's Civic Service was held on Sunday September 7 with a service at Trinity Methodist Church followed by light refreshments at the Community Centre. The event was attended by civic dignitaries together with representatives from community groups. The chairman held a raffle which resulted in the sum of £200 being collected which has been donated to Norton Canes Family Fun Club and Trinity Methodist Church.
Thanks are due to: Kingswood Lakeside transport company '3663' for providing desserts; to Ann's Cafe (Walsall Road, Norton Canes) for catering and to Norton Canes Flower Club for beautiful flower arrangements.

Community Grants



The parish council will again this year be awarding grants to local groups. Community groups who operate on a voluntary basis are eligible to apply for the funding information of which appears on the parish council website at www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk.
Grant application forms can be downloaded from the website or copies obtained from the parish clerk on 01543 276812 or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk. Forms should be completed and submitted to the parish clerk by November 30.
The applications will be considered at the December parish council meeting.

Library Services

The parish council has attended meetings relating to Staffordshire County Council proposals for the future of library provision in the village.
Continued use of the library is important to secure its future.
As a resident are you aware of the activities that are taking place at the library?
Is this something you would be interested in being involved with?
Please take the time to have a look at what is happening in your local library and where possible support it.
Information can be obtained from the Staffordshire County Council website or your local library.

Lantern Parade

The Lantern Parade will again take place on Sunday December 7 leaving the Community Centre at 5.00p.m.



Local schools will be involved in making the lanterns and a lantern workshop is being arranged for Saturday November 15, from 10am at the Community Centre.
Children can come along and make a lantern so they can join the parade.
Make a note of these dates. Come along and enjoy the Christmas fun.
The parade is part of the Christmas event being held at the Community Centre on the 7th where Santa will be in his grotto.
There will be stalls, refreshments, children's entertainers and much more.

Festive Window Competition

Shops and businesses will be visited and windows judged during the week commencing December 8.

Your Parish Council wish you all a very happy Christmas

Norton Canes Community Centre - Regular events
Why not join in one of them?

Mondays: Playgroup, 8.15am-1pm. 07891 149 381
Watercolours, 10am-1pm. 01543 275013
Sewing Group, 1pm-4pm.
Tuesdays: Playgroup, 8.15am-3pm.
Poundshedders, 7pm-8pm. 01543 278534
Indoor bowls, 7.30pm-9.30pm. 01543 279185
Wednesdays: Playgroup, 8.15am-1pm
Phyllis's cards, 11am-1pm.
RVS, 1.30pm-3.30pm. 01543 276959
Cannock Tang Soo Do, 5.30pm-6.30pm, 07763 685 611.
Zumba, 7pm-8pm. 07894 947 334
Line Dance, 8pm-11pm. 07894 947 334
Thursdays: Playgroup, 8.15am-3pm.
Chris's cards, 10am-12 noon. 01543 276258
Kano Judo Club, 6.30pm-9.30pm. 01543 459785
Sugar Craft, 7pm-9pm.
Fridays: Playgroup, 8.15am-1pm.
Tea dance, 1.30pm-3.30pm.
Jenny's Social, 7.30pm-10.30pm. 01922 415232
Saturdays: (1st and 3rd) Jenny and Terry, social sequence dance. 8pm till late. 01922 415232
(2nd and 4th) Nev's Line Dance, 7.30pm-12 midnight 07894 947 334

Every school holiday the Family Fun Club runs on Tuesdays, 10am-1pm for up to 11-year-olds.
For more details ring Jackie on 07999 217 364 or Wendy 07845 678 003.

Norton Canes RVS – Darby and Joan Club For over 50s

Every Wednesday from 1.30pm-3.45pm at Norton Canes Community Centre

Come along and enjoy live entertainment, bingo and parties for special occasions

We also arrange outings and holidays

Cllr Zaphne Stretton MBE and the committee look forward to welcoming new members and anyone prepared to give 'a helping hand'

Ring 01543 276959 for information

Coming to the Community Centre

A Christmas Fayre and Lantern Parade takes place on Sunday December 7, 3pm-6pm.
Santa will be in his grotto.
The lantern parade leaves the centre at 5pm.

Norton Canes Community Centre and Magical Adventures present: The pantomime 'Jack and His Magic Beans' will be performed at the centre on Monday December 22 from 2pm-4pm. (Doors open at 1.30pm).
Tickets (£5 adults and children) are available from the centre on Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm or Saturdays 9am-11am.

Rainbows start at Norton Canes Community Centre on Tuesday January 13.
Members will meet from 4.15pm-5.15pm.



So Much Happening at Norton Canes Community Centre

Sunday November 16	Remembrance service starts at 6pm
Sunday December 7	Christmas Fayre and Lantern Parade, 3pm-6pm
Sunday December 14	Carol Service starts at 6pm
Monday December 22	Pantomime Jack and his Magic Beans. For tickets ring Wendy: 0784 567 8003
Wednesday December 24	Christmas Eve Dance with Jenny
Wednesday December 31	New Year's Eve Dance with Jenny

For more details call: Wendy 07845 678 003 or visit www.nortoncanescc.webs.cc

Remember

Year 9 pupils from Norton Canes High School created some impressive poems as part of the World War I project and Best Kept Village Competition.
The pupils, who were in year 8 when they took part in the project, searched for a particular text as a stimulus.
They then took some of the words and phrases from the text – and rearranged them to create their own poem.
A book of the students' artwork and creative writing was on show at Trinity Methodist Church and the village Community Centre as part of a commemorative event.
Here are some of the results which were based on War Horse by Morpurgo:

A copy of the book is held at the High School and will also be At the parish office from November.





God's Universe at war *by Charlotte Emery*

How can one man kill another,
Just because they are on the other side of the trench?
In a war that finding regal serenity is a rarity,
Like searching for a butterfly in a dung heap,
They fight and murder yet not know the reason why,
Where a grudge is not even held,
In God's universe,
Where death does not belong,
Is this filthy abomination of a war.

Death O'clock *by Rhys Brabazon*

The gradual crescendo of gun-fire awakes me.
Another dawn, another day
With the enemy trying to break me.
Heads down!
Don't shoot
We hear the sergeant cry.
Now we run into no man's land, praying not to die.
Now it's time
To commit the crime
We do but aren't willing.
It's death o'clock
Time goes tick tock
It's like a hive
The question is…
Will I survive?

Message from Cllr Sheila Harding
It was a privilege to work with the High School on these projects and I was pleased to be able to read two of the items from this publication at the Chairman's Civic Service.
The following is an excerpt from the Best Kept Village report:
"The excellent connection between the Secondary School and the parish council on the In Remembrance competition was commendable." Also:
"Judges found it difficult to assess the amount of community awareness and involvement in BKV, other than the excellent initiative with the High School in connection with the In Remembrance competition."
*We will be entering the Best Kept Village again next year—**so we need more groups and organisations to get involved.** Let us have your comments Parish Office: 01543 276812 or call me Sheila Harding 01543 275013*

Keep out of Bethan's Way!

We have a current international roller derby player in the village.
Bethan Hopkins, aged 32, has such a reputation in the sport that she is known as Buccaneer Betty Fear – or 'Fear' for short.
Bethan, who is not really scary in normal life, plays for the Wales Roller Derby team.
Her dad John said: "Roller derby is apparently the fastest growing ladies sport in the country.
"Each player has a stage name. Bethan is known far and wide as 'Fear'."
There are five players in each team on the track at one time.
One member of each team tries to overtake the opposition team members to gain points.
The remaining four try to stop her.
Bethan, a former pupil of Norton Canes High School, started skating about four years ago.
Until recently she represented Severn Roller Torrent based in Gloucester.
She captained them to the Heartland series league title last season.
Bethan recently transferred to Tiger Bay Brawlers who are based in Cardiff.
At the beginning of August she was selected to represent Wales (she qualifies through her father) against Ireland in Dublin.
It was Wales' first ever international - and they won.
The team recently travelled to Mons in Belgium to take part in a European tournament.
They were beaten by the Netherlands, but won against Denmark and Portugal.
Bethan is now hoping to be selected for the team to play in the world cup in Dallas in December.
If any other girls are interested in joining this exciting sport there are teams in Birmingham (Birmingham Blitz Dames) and Wolverhampton.



Pic: Here's Bethan in action (centre) in a recent tournament against Portugal.

Message from your local police

Hello to all residents and thank you for taking the time to read this.
We are pleased to report that crime continues to track very low in our village with only isolated incidents.
We would urge residents to remain vigilant at all times and ensure you are locking houses and vehicles at all times.
We have had thefts from insecure vehicles unfortunately and this is a popular crime at the moment.
We would urge all residents now they are beginning to put their tools away for winter to review security of sheds and garages.
In the parish council office there is a selection of Crime Prevention leaflets to help you.
There has been a steady rise in anti-social behaviour.
This has been mainly centred around the One Stop Shop in Norton East Road in the evenings.
We have had reports of youths being noisy and rowdy, blocking customers getting in and out of the store, littering, playing ball games (hitting cars whilst doing so) and general nuisance behaviour.
When challenged, these individuals can often be abusive.
We are targeting this area and have so far issued 14 anti-social behaviour warnings to these individuals and their parents.
We are also working in conjunction with our partners at Cannock Chase Council and Housing Associations and they are looking at taking action.
I would urge parents to be mindful of where their children are and what they are doing when they are out and about in the village.
Most behave and the minority are spoiling it for the majority.
Please ensure this is not one of your children.
We have received a number of complaints in relation to inconsiderate parking.
It's important to be courteous to local residents. Please follow these easy guidelines.
Do not park your vehicle on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users.
You are reminded not to park:

- Anywhere that would prevent access for emergency service vehicles
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32ft) of a junction or on a bend.
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs and the visually impaired.
- In front of an entrance or driveway to a property.
- On or near a bus stop.
- Against the flow of traffic at night

We look forward to seeing you whilst out on patrol in the village.

PCSO Neil Griffiths 8497 and PC Bob Gent 3909

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE
NON EMERGENCY NUMBER
101
IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

Lucky to live in Norton:

I was fortunate enough to be sold a ticket for a comedy evening at the Community Centre with local duo 'Dandy' (Glen and Alan Brisco). When my face and sides stopped aching from laughing and smiling I remembered where I first met Alan. Does anyone remember when he was the gas man? I mentioned this at art class on Monday and Mavis Clark started to recite the following lyrics, 'I thought it worth sharing'.

The Gas Man Cometh - Flanders and Swann

'Twas on a Monday morning the gas man came to call.
The gas tap wouldn't turn - I wasn't getting gas at all.
He tore out all the skirting boards to try and find the main
And I had to call a carpenter to put them back again.

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do.

'Twas on a Tuesday morning the carpenter came round.
He hammered and he chiselled and he said:
"Look what I've found: your joists are full of dry rot
But I'll put them all to rights".
Then he nailed right through a cable and out went all the lights!

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do.

'Twas on a Wednesday morning the electrician came.
He called me Mr. Sanderson, which isn't quite the name.
He couldn't reach the fuse box without standing on the bin
And his foot went through a window so I called the glazier in.

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do.

'Twas on a Thursday morning the glazier came round
With his blow torch and his putty and his merry glazier's song.
He put another pane in - it took no time at all
But I had to get a painter in to come and paint the wall.

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do.

'Twas on a Friday morning the painter made a start.
With undercoats and overcoats he painted every part:
Every nook and every cranny - but I found when he was gone
He'd painted over the gas tap and I couldn't turn it on!
Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do.

On Saturday and Sunday they do no work at all;
So 'twas on a Monday morning that the gasman came to call...

Hope you agree, regards Sheila

Norton Canes Historical Society and Family History Group

All meetings are held at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, unless otherwise stated.

Historical Society meetings: 7pm-9pm

November 11	JRR Tolkien and the Great War (Tolkien trained on Cannock Chase)
December 9	Christmas Social Evening

Coffee Mornings: 10am-12 noon
Incorporating the Family History Group
third Thursday of the month

There are no meetings in December.

For details contact Roger Knowles 01543 279313

<u>St James Church, Norton Canes – an active church</u>



('Not just for baptisms, weddings and funerals').

The weekend of October 4-5 saw the annual Thanksgiving celebrations for Harvest.

- On the Saturday morning a group of children gathered in church to learn where bread comes from.

They saw the wheat, grain and flour then made bread dough to take home and bake.
The children then made and ate sandwiches (from shop bought bread) and enjoyed Harvest-themed craft activities.
A church spokesperson said: "It was an enjoyable morning."

- A Harvest Supper was held at the Rectory hosted by Father Neil Hibbins and his wife Sue.

The event was a social evening where guests could chat in a relaxed atmosphere.

- The Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place in the church which was decorated with a 'bountiful harvest' of produce and flowers.

Thanks were given for the harvest.
A collage made by children at the Saturday morning session was on show for the occasion 'which looked great'.

- At half term a small group of church members will be visiting staff and children at Leacroft Lodge for a Harvest Thanksgiving Service organised by Ray Bunn.

Leacroft Lodge provides care for children with special needs and has a dedicated team of carers.
A church spokesperson said: "The children are delightful. They and the staff look forward to our visits which take place at least three times a year."
Some of the children and carers join the Sunday 10.30am service at St James'.

Dear Editor,
I was disappointed to read the description of the 'old' Community Centre as a ‘tin shack-like building’ in the August 2014 edition of the parish Newsletter.
The building had pre-formed pebble dashed concrete walls and was quite modern for its day.
It did resemble a Nissan hut with its rounded roof, but in no way was it tin or shack-like.
Perhaps someone has an old photo of the building?

Barbara Brookes
Former Norton Canes resident

NORTON CANES FLOWER CLUB

It’s Autumn already.
And at the Flower Club there have been a variety of topics for members to enjoy.
In July we had a demonstration by Ann Gater entitled ‘Seasonal Inspirations’.
In August some members went on an outing to the Dorothy Clive Garden which was followed by a visit to a garden centre.
In September Kay Higgins took us ‘Round the World in Eighty Minutes’ with her demonstration - a lovely night at the club.
We are looking forward to the rest of this year when we have a variety of things happening.
On October 29 buffet supper followed by our annual meeting. November 19: Sybil is going to teach us how to make ‘Beautiful Bows’ just in time for wrapping Christmas presents.
There will also be a photographic competition organised by Pauline.
There are two categories to enter. The results will be announced at the Christmas party on December 17.
November 26: the Flower Club is presenting a demonstration by Michael Handy at the Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock.
The demonstration, entitled ‘Spirit of Christmas’, starts at 7.30pm.
Tickets for this special evening (£7.50) are available from Marjorie on 01543 279133 or the theatre. All welcome.
Please note there will be no meeting in January 2015.
Members meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, at 7.30pm.
New members and visitors are welcome.
For more details ring Jose Aulton on 01543 278370.

Trinity Methodist Church, Norton Canes, hosts a skittles evening on November 21.
It starts at 7.30pm and includes fish and chip supper.
Tickets are £6.90 from Pat Littler on 01543 276371.





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Carpets Direct 2U is owned by **Robert** and **Mandy Freeman**, and their son **Richard.** The Freeman family have been serving customers throughout the Walsall and West Midlands area for four generations. Their years of retail experience have helped them to identify a niche in the market and come up with an idea that allows them to buy and sell carpets to the public at discounted prices.

Carpets Direct 2U is easily accessible to everyone in the area with retail premises in **Aldridge** and **Pelsall** and a huge warehouse in **Norton Canes** which is open to the public and has thousands of rolls in stock ready for customers to take away. Most recently, **Carpets Direct 2U** is proud to have opened a new retail store at **10 Cannock Road, Swan Island, Burntwood** where the family look forward to serving both existing and new customers in **Burntwood** and the surrounding areas. **Carpets Direct 2U** has established a reputation for providing customers with good service and quality floor coverings, priced to suit everyone's pocket.

Great Value, Great Quality

So how do they do it? Generally, when buying a carpet to fit your room, this price will include other costs such as storage and distribution by the stockist.

Carpets Direct 2U buy and sell in a different way. In simple terms they buy full rolls of carpet in bulk direct from the supplier, then cut them into standard room sizes and hold the stock themselves at their warehouse in **Norton Canes**. The savings they make are then passed **Direct 2U**. Discounts apply to all ranges. In addition to the vast range of stock they hold, they have hundreds of pattern and sample books to browse through in their showrooms or, you can take away samples to check and match against your individual colour scheme in the comfort of your own home.

Vinyls

The vinyl selection is endless at prices to suit everyone. In the store they stock remnants of all sizes: **2,3** and **4** metre widths with discounts of up to **75% off** normal cut length prices. Any time of the day, every day you can go to **Carpets Direct 2U** and buy a cut-price piece of vinyl, 2m x 2m for **£25**.

If you want a particular range or you don't see what you're looking for, you can order just what you want from a number of sample books and normally get it delivered the very next day.

Fitting Service

Carpets Direct 2U offer a fully comprehensive fitting service, provided by a team of self employed professional fitters with vast experience in the flooring industry. If you require underlay **Carpets Direct 2U** stock a variety and sell it at discounted roll prices, which is half the normal cut length price.

"Everyone's tastes are different whether it be 100% wool carpets or 100% polypropylene stain resistant carpets. The one thing every customer wants is quality carpets at the best possible price and that's what we give at Carpets Direct 2U." **adds Robert.**

Measuring Service

Carpets Direct 2U offer a free no obligation measuring service and are happy to provide written insurance quotations on request.

Rugs

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Whilst you can find a great selection of rugs in store, you can also shop online at **www.rugsdirect2u.co.uk** or order over the telephone on **08454 501221**. **Rugs Direct 2U** offer quality rugs at the lowest prices. They have rugs to suit all tastes and budgets from retro designs to timeless classic styles from their traditional collections. They offer a wide variety of colours in materials ranging from luxurious wool to durable manmade fibres.

Customer Satisfaction

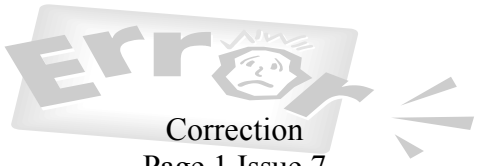
Carpets Direct 2U/Rugs Direct 2U are delighted to have been voted 'Most Loved Carpet & Rugs Business in the UK' (as voted for by local people) for the fourth year running. See what customers have to say about their service and products on the Best of Walsall website. Log onto the Best of Walsall website to read the numerous testimonials and see for yourself why **Carpets Direct 2U** and **Rugs Direct 2U** are so highly recommended as UK's most loved carpet and rugs business, an accolade they are proud of.

Sincere thanks to all customers, old and new, for taking time to forward your recommendations.

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Correction
Page 1 Issue 7
It's Jamie Tomkinson
Who helped move
the rock to the Millennium Garden

We know it's a busy time but can we please have items for
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By
December 30 . *Thank you.*

Would you like to advertise your business in this newsletter and reach every home in the village?
A half page ad' costs just £25, full page £50, double page spread £100.
For details ring the parish council clerk Linda on
01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her
nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Norton Canes Brownies

The only Brownie group in the village meets at Jerome Primary School on Tuesdays from 6.30pm-8pm.
If you would like more information about the group ring

Jane Hickinbotham on 07703 640 623.



Norton Canes Neighbourhood Network



The Library, Burntwood Road.
December 2. 9.30am-12noon
Information, advice and updates on local projects.
Help and advice from voluntary organisations
Call 01543 500404 for info.

The parish notice board outside the Co-op contains information which is updated regularly on parish matters. You can also find information on theparish council website at **www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk**

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NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL

The 1st Norton Canes Scout Group

Scout group members are very proud of cub leader Pete Bates who has recently completed a fantastic 50 years' service with the scouting movement.
Pete, who travels from Hednesford to volunteer with the Norton Canes group, is described as 'a really great guy' by members.
They say: "He richly deserves some recognition for his commitment to scouting."
Pete's early years were spent with St Luke's in Cannock but when that group closed he transferred to the 1st Norton Canes Scout Group - where he continues to volunteer on a weekly basis.
Group scout leader David Cross said: "I would describe him as 'always cheerful and considerate'.
"He is an outstanding scouter and has a fantastic approach to our youngsters in the group.
"He really embodies what scouting is about and we consider ourselves lucky to have his experience."
Members held a celebration to mark Pete's milestone - where along with his certificate from headquarters, the group presented him with an engraved watch.
The 1st Norton Canes Scout Group meets at Norton Canes Primary School during term times.

- Beavers, aged 6–8, meet Wednesdays, 6pm-7.15pm, in Key Stage 1 hall.
- Cubs, aged 8-10½, Wednesdays, 6.45pm-8.15pm, Key Stage 2 hall.
- Scouts, aged 10½-14, Tuesdays, 7pm-8.45pm, Key Stage 2 hall.

Adult helpers are always needed and welcomed as membership continues to grow.
For more details visit www.1stnortoncanesscoutgroup or ring David Cross on 07790 840 508



Pete Bates is pictured with the 1st Norton Canes Cub Pack.

Norton Canes W.I.

Members meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at Norton Canes Library, 7,30pm.

The message is: "Please ladies - do come and join us.

We are not just 'Jam and Jerusalem'!

We have lots of new speakers lined up for the future.

We have trips to the theatre
And day trips for shopping with all our friendly ladies.

We are having a card-making night for all to join in.

We have a lovely Christmas party coming up.



So please come and join in the fun. You will be made very welcome."

For more details ring Gill on 01543 279039

Activity invite

Two friendly clubs take place each week at Norton Canes Library.

There's a Knit 'n' Natter with fun and chatter every Tuesday from 2pm-4pm.
Admission is free.

Or join the Card Club on Thursdays, from 1pm-3pm.
The charge is £1 (not inclusive of materials).

Fundraising still on going for Defibrillators for Norton Canes.

Keep an eye open for events in and around the village. We hope to have automated external defibrillators in as many public buildings and schools as possible. The parish council is supporting the drive led by Mort Bakewell and Jenny Dunn at the Community Centre.

A defibrillator is potentially the difference between life and death. Any businesses and public places should consider owning an AED (automated external defibrillator).

Jenny Dunn is organising a 40s night on November 29 at the Community Centre. There will be a tombola run by Morton and Sally Bakewell. Donations of any prizes for this would be gratefully received.

Each village table top sale and fayre will have a fundraising stall. Please give generously.

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Norton Canes Neighbourhood Residents meeting

The meeting was held at Norton Canes Library on September 2
Representatives of the following organisations gave information on services available to Norton Canes residents. Here is a brief summary from each:
Victim Support - provides help for victims of crime.
Referrals are taken from residents or agencies. Emotional and practical support is provided.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Rehabilitation Officer
A home visit and risk assessment can take place to identify an individual's problems and help them to overcome them.
Educating family members to improve communication takes place.
Advice is given on obtaining and using appliances such as door bells, phones, hearing aids, amplifiers, mini com, alarm clocks, smoke alarms, TV equipment, portable loop systems, pagers, watch receivers, window locks, alarm mats and medication dispensers.
Cannock Chase Council Partnerships
An anti social behaviour co-ordinator refers problems to the appropriate agencies, holds residents meetings, liaises with police and residents, and engages and supports young people and complainants to help settle disputes.
Cannock Chase Council Consultation and Engagement - ensures residents and community groups are involved in any consultation which may affect them.
It has a residents' panel and focus groups. It provides information on current community projects e.g. commemorative celebrations.
VAST - offers support to local voluntary organisations on setting up and running, and training for volunteers. It provides networking opportunities and a newsletter.
Norton Canes Parish Council - see items in this village newsletter.
Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services – is currently assisting with the development of a new Youth Group for Norton Canes. It offers free training and support. It develops policy on working with young people.
Staffordshire Library Services
Information was given on the expanding services offered by libraries which include: hosting a History Group, Youth Group, Knit and Natter Group, British Legion and Get Together Group.
Hire available of: the meeting room, books, audio books, e books and magazines.
An Epilepsy Support Group is held at Cannock. There is an Art Project for children and young people (currently film making) and a summer reading project for children.
Information was given on the Police Crime Commissioner funding for local groups and the current consultation process regarding library restructure.
EMBEC Care services – a new care agency offering care support from one hour to full night sits for disabled or elderly people and respite for carers.
*To contact any of the above organisations ring Jan Matthews at Support Staffordshire on 01543 500404.
The next meeting will be held at Norton Canes Library on Tuesday December 2, 9.30am-12.30pm.
Residents are encouraged to attend.
This is your chance to find out how to access help and support for yourself or your neighbours, friends and family in Norton Canes.

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

Hello again. Here we are the end of the summer months already. And what a glorious summer we have had.

Staff wish to welcome our new practice manager Sharon Wood who joined us in July after Jenny retired - and our new GP Dr Gosavi who joined us in August/ September - and to Dr R Singh who has joined us as director of management.

Surgery telephone
Patients can now call at 8am for an appointment for that day. Please be patient as some days there is only one receptionist on from 8am-9am which is a very busy time. Please continue to call for results between 1pm-3pm.

Online appointments and repeat prescriptions are still available. Please call the surgery to register.

Did Not Attend
There were 79 appointments that were DNAs in September. This is 79 appointments lost. We would be very grateful if you cannot attend your appointment please call our receptionists to cancel.

Personal details
Please remember to update your personal details: address/phone/mobile/ email addresses as soon as possible next time you are in the surgery or via the phone.

The Patient Participation Group
is looking for new members. Members meet once a month at the surgery.

Flu Vaccinations
It is that time of year again. Book in for your vacc's as soon as possible. (Brownhills Road surgery number 01543 279232)

We are always looking for people to help deliver this newsletter. If you could deliver in your road or near please contact the parish council clerk Linda on 01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Keep this newsletter to hand – so you won't forget any dates!

Car Friend

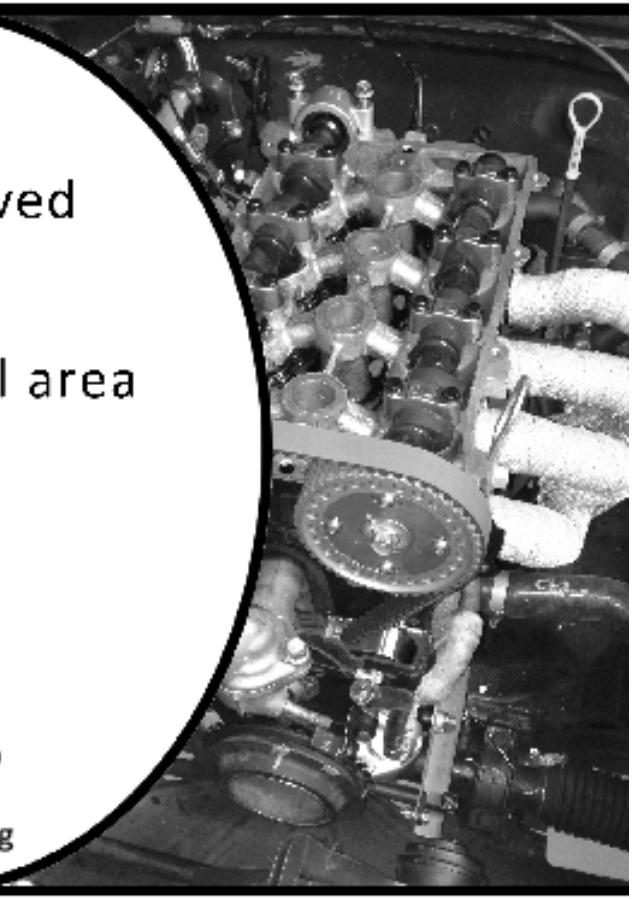


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